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TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 8013
INFO AMCONSUL MONTREAL
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MONTREAL FOR USDEL ICAO

ROME FOR RCAA.

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: EAIR, SA
SUBJECT: AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT

REF: STATE 79947

1. WE DELIVERED TEXT OF DEPARTMENT'S LETTER WELCOMING
BILATERAL AIR TALKS TO CAD DIRECTOR ABDULLAH MAHDI APRIL 17.
MAHDI SEEMED GRATIFIED BY OUR ANSWER AND PROPOSED THAT CAD
OFFICIALS PROCEED TO WASHINGTON FOR PROPOSED PRELIMINARY TALKS
DURING APRIL 24-30 PERIOD.

2. MAHDI DID NOT, HOWEVER, COMMIT CAD TO GRANTING TWA'S
REQUEST FOR SERVICE TO DHARAHAN. HE SAID THAT WOULD DEPEND
ON STUDY OF OUR LETTER AND OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION.

3. MAHDI EXPRESSED STRONG DISAGREEMENT WITH OUR EFFORTS
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TO GET SAUDI TO JOIN SERVICES WIHT OTHER CARRIERS. (WE
HAVE IT FROM TWA SOURCES THAT CAUSE FOR CAD'S REFUSAL TO
ACCEPT OUR PORPOSED APRIL 19-20 DATES WAS MAHDI'S
NEGATIVE REACTION TO OUR FOREIGN OFFICE NOTE BASED ON
INSTRUCTIONS STATE 009927.) MAHDI SAID SAUDIS WANTED
TO ESTABLISH THEIR OWN PRESENCE IN US MARKET AND WOULD
NOT CONSIDER JOINT SERVICES; MOREOVER, HE SAID THAT

OTHER ARAB CIVAIR AUTHORITIES HAVE AGREED TO OPPOSE US EFFORT TO GET THEM TO MOUNT JOINT SERVICES. WHEN WE NOTED THAT JOINT SERVICES MIGHT ENABLE SAUDIA TO SERVE US MARKET EARLIER THAN IF THEY WENT ALONE, MAHDI REPEATED THAT SAUDIA WAS SEEKING PRIMARILY TO ESTABLISH ITS OWN IDENTITY. COMPANY MIGHT CONSIDER OPENING WITH FREIGHT SERVICE (THROUGH LEASED PLANES), LEAVING PASSENGER TRAFFIC INITIALLY TO US CARRIER. IT IS IMPORTANT TO SAG TO GET RIGHTS ON BASIS OF WHICH IT CAN PLAN EXPANSION ITS SERVICES, HE SAID. MENTIONING THAT DELTA HAD ALSO MADE REQUEST FOR SAUDI SERVICE, MAHDI SAID BILATERAL WOULD ALSO ENABLE CAD TO REGULARIZE ENTRY OF US CARRIERS. HE STATED PRESENT SAG POLICY WAS TO ALLOW RIGHTS TO ONLY ONE NATIONAL CARRIER.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: EARLIEST POSSIBLE INDICATION IF END APRIL DATES SUGGESTED FOR PRELIMINARY TALKS ARE ACCEPTABLE, OR PROPOSED ALTERNATIVES.
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